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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 19 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/1072)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	59th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(b) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the children and armed conflict. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 18th meeting | Conference Room 4

1. Questions relating to information [90] (A/56/21 and Add.1, A/56/411; A/C.4/56/L.19)

   General debate

2. Organization of work

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 27th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Organization of work (A/C.2/56/L.1/Rev.1* and A/C.2/56/L.1/Add.1)

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/56/3 and Add.1-2 and A/56/459, A/56/127-E/2001/101, A/56/127/Add.1-E/2001/101/Add.1, A/56/86-E/2001/79, A/56/211-E/2001/103, A/56/517, A/56/607-E/2001/106, A/C.2/56/L.6, A/C.2/56/L.7, E/2001/L.47/Rev.1, A/56/CRP.1-E/2001/CRP.6, A/56/CRP.2-E/2001/CRP.7)

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   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24

   (c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.22

   (d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6 (programme budget implications: E/2001/L.47/Rev.1) and on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.7 (item 12) and A/C.2/56/L.4 (item 100)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97(c)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 43rd meeting | Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

Introductory statement and dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 44th meeting | Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

Continuation of general discussion

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Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/56/381 and A/55/436))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part VIII: Common support services:

Section 27: Management and central support services

Section 27A: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27B: Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27C: Office of Human Resources Management

Section 27D: Office of Central Support Services

Section 27E: Administration, Geneva

Section 27F: Administration, Vienna

Section 27G: Administration, Nairobi

(A/56/6 and Corr.1, (Sections 27 and 27A-G), A/56/7, A/56/16 and A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1)

Part IX: Internal oversight:

Section 28: Internal oversight

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 28), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 27th meeting — Conference Room 2

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Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166] (A/56/37, A/56/160 and Corr. 1 and Add.1, A/C.6/56/L.9)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161] (A/C.6/56/L.10)

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* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	260th meeting	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

On Monday, 19 November 2001, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations mentioned above, informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Emergency response to disasters" presented jointly by Greece and Turkey, under agenda item 20 (a), will also be held in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, *from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.*

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. *in Conference Room D.*

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 19 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.16 (item 98 (e)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Trusteeship Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 19 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(preparation for the World Summit for Sustainable Development)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(implementation of the Habitat Agenda)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will meet on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and the United Nations Development Group will hold a joint emergency meeting on Afghanistan on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Reintegration of Refugees and Displaced Populations" co-sponsored by the International Labour Office (ILO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Ms. Misako Kaji, Head, a.i., Secretariat and Inter-Organizational Service, UNHCR, H.E. Mr. Ibrahim M'Baba Kamara, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, and Mr. Robbie Thomson, Senior Officer, Population Movement and Disaster Preparedness and Response Department, IFRC, will be among the panellists. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Jayasankar Krishnamurty, Senior Economist, Infocus Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, ILO. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leily Soleimani (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 114).

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Briefing

Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), will hold a briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 4*. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, organized by the delegation of Yugoslavia, will be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second and Sixth Committees *(on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Group of 77 will hear a briefing on the coordination of the United Nations operational activities for development by the United Nations Development Group on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 in Conference Room 7.

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Open-ended consultations on the right to development, organized by the Non-Aligned Movement, will be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1, and on Wednesday, 21 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Ms. Marcia Brewster, Special Events Coordinator of GERWUN, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2002. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 21 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 16 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4420th (private) meeting

The situation in Eritrea and Ethiopia

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4420th meeting, held in private on 16 November 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and with the consent of the Council, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Ali Said Abdella, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea had a constructive discussion."

4421st (private) meeting

The situation in Eritrea and Ethiopia

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4421st meeting, held in private on 16 November 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and with the consent of the Council, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia had a constructive discussion."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

56th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.3) [8]

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to also allocate to the Sixth Committee sub-item (f) of agenda item 21, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union", for the sole purpose of considering the question of the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Joseph Philippe Antonio, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Haiti; H.E. Mr. Igor S. Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; and H.E. Mr. Patrice Emery Trovoada, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Community of Sao Tome and Principe.

Address by H.E. Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Nicolae Dudu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Hammoud, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Sahr Matturi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Anastase Gasana, Chairman of the delegation of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Enele Sopoaga, Chairman of the delegation of Tuvalu; H.E. Mr. Amraiya Naidu, Chairman of the delegation of Fiji; H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda; H.E. Mr. Raynard Gideon, Chairman of the delegation of the Marshall Islands; H.E. Mr. Claude Morel, Chairman of the delegation of Seychelles; H.E. Mr. Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau Tupou, Chairman of the delegation of Tonga; and H.E. Mr. Clifford Sibusiso Mamba, Chairman of the delegation of Swaziland.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that sub-item (d) of agenda item 16 on the election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme would be taken up on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, in the morning, as the second item.

57th plenary meeting

Conclusion of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Gints Fegermanis, Chairman of the delegation of Latvia; H.E. Mr. John Dauth, Chairman of the delegation of Australia; H.E. Mr. Ali Said Abdella, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea; H.E. Mrs. Antonieta Rosa Gomes, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Guinea Bissau; H.E. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia; and H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze, Chairman of the delegation of Georgia.

Statements in the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Cyprus and Eritrea.

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 9.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Right of peoples to self determination [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.32

The representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, the Comoros and El Salvador, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Madagascar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Romania, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and Suriname.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the sub-items.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, the Sudan, Zimbabwe and Eritrea.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

With regard to the organization of its work, the Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided:

(a) To extend its schedule to complete its work by Friday, 30 November, instead of Wednesday, 28 November;

(b) To take up consideration of item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) beginning on Friday, 23 November, and to devote six meetings to the debate; and to establish a deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 117 (Tuesday, 27 November, at 6 p.m.);

(c) To shorten the afternoon meetings beginning on Monday, 19 November, and aim to adjourn by 4.30 p.m. in order to accommodate those delegates observing Ramadan;

(d) To take action on proposals that are ready for action on Wednesday, 21 November, in the morning, and to take action on all remaining draft proposals under items 112, 113, 115, 118 and 119 (a) on Monday, 26 November, in the morning.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2001

492nd meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Indonesia (CAT/C/47/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

493rd meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2001

67th and 68th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of France (E/1990/6/Add.27). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Kenya (16 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Acceptance: Japan (16 November 2001)*

Accession: Kenya (16 November 2001)*

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Benin (16 November 2001)

Signature: Guinea (16 November 2001)

Signature: Philippines (16 November 2001)

Signature: Republic of Moldova (16 November 2001)

Signature: Venezuela (16 November 2001)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Cameroon (16 November 2001)

Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. London, 17 June 1999

Ratification: Czech Republic (15 November 2001)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Czech Republic (15 November 2001)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Poland (14 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Uganda
H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Hungary
H.E. Mr. André Erdös

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Honduras
H.E. Mr. Ángel Edmundo Orellana Mercado

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingólfsson

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